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M. HANNA'S OPINION.

The daily press generally unite in quoting Senator Hanna as saying that the Republicans should elect two Senators from Delaware. If he had expressed this opinion as a hope or wish every Republican could and would have united with him in expressing it. But "it is a condition and not a theory" that confronts us. Sixteen of the Republican Assemblymen are voting for Mr. Addicks and say they will never consent to vote for any other candidate unless he be one of the two senators, while the other thirteen are as positive that Mr. Addicks shall never be senator by Republican votes, although pledging themselves to vote for any other two Republicans of standing and ability. What complicates matters and makes Mr. Addicks an impossible candidate is the fact that his past record is such that if one of the Regular Republicans should vote for him, the charge would be at once made that unlawful and immoral means had been used to influence the vote. None of the Regular Republicans are willing to be held up to the public scorn and indignation, that was meted out to Messrs. Farlow, King and Clark only two years ago. So unless Mr. Hanna can find some way to get Mr. Addicks out of the fight, he and the people of Delaware may look to see the State unrepresented in the Senate for two years. When Mr. Addicks was making his fight for recognition at the National Convention, in Philadelphia last June, he was asked by the Committee on Credentials, if, in the result of Republican success, he would stand in the road of the election of two senators. His answer was that he would not. But so far he has failed to get out of the road. Perhaps he may yet see the impossibility of his election and clear the way. When that day comes, it will not take but one ballot to elect the senators. Until it does come, things will probably go on in the same way as they have for the past four weeks or more. And it must not be forgotten that less than three weeks now remain of this session, and the time is short.

GIVE US MORE FACTORIES

There is now pending in the General Assembly, a bill introduced at the request of the Wilmington Board of Trade whose object it is to re-adjust the so-called industrial tax. It is proposed that instead of a tax of one dollar per year on each \$1000 of purchases that all corporations pay a tax of fifty cents per year on each \$1000 of capital stock, which is the amount of tax to which all corporations chartered under the General Corporation Act are subject. The friends of the measure were given a hearing one day last week and among other statements and arguments was the following:

"William Lawton has made a comparison between Delaware and Rhode Island, showing that the former has 78 people to the square mile and Rhode Island, a manufacturing state, has 300 people to the square mile. The little towns in the latter state are filled with manufacturing establishments. Don't send your people away from your towns, but bring manufacturers to them. These smaller plants can be operated more economically in the town than in the large city. The younger element will not stay around where they cannot earn something. Remove this tax, open our markets, ask people to come here. I don't think it will jeopardize the revenues of our state, for in a few years we will have three establishments where we now have two."

This argument or comparison should appeal to all towns in Delaware, which, like Middletown, "have in the past relied upon agricultural products for an existence. There is no reason why Middletown should not have more factories. In fact, the town needs them. We have boys and young men growing up and the only avenue open for them is to leave the country and go to the city with all its temptations and trials, because they cannot make a living here. While the official figures of the last census are not available for comparison, still we are positive that there are not as many white citizens in the town to-day as there were ten years ago. The total increase in population was only about 50. This should not be so, and would not be so if we had one or two more factories. We think with Mr. Lawton that this taxing of factories has something to do with the lack of enterprise, and while we are not certain that this meas-

ure will bring the desired result, we do believe that it is a step in the right direction and hope that it will become a law.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

View of Interesting Happenings During the Past Week.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

The House concurred in the Senate's bill to regulate the shipping of wild geese and ducks from the State. This bill was introduced by Representative E. White and will exact a license fee of \$200 for the privilege of shipping wild ducks and geese.

Senator Harrington's bill to repeal the act of 1890, relating to elections in religious societies, was passed by the Senate. It is intended to permit churches and their trustees or governing officers to vote members or others as they see fit when the Legislature passes a new revised code was reconsidered and killed.

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After Oil Delivery Wagons.

Representative Sharrow introduced his bill to tax oil delivery wagons for the assessment at a valuation of one thousand dollars all the big oil delivery wagons of foreign corporations in service in the State and a rate of taxation in accordance with the assessment.

After Slot Machines.

Slot machines continue to be seen in use in the State. Some bill prohibiting slot gambling and fixing the minimum penalty at fifty dollars for each offence was reported favorably in the House.

Senators Attack Levy Court Bill.

By a strict party vote the Senate passed Senator Allee's bill, as amended, fixing six as a quorum for the Kent County Levy Court and making the clerk of the peace officer responsible for the collection of the right to vote in case of a tie and to serve without compensation as a member.

Senators Slaughter, Clements and McNulty attacked it as a partisan, and Senator Allee defended it. Senator Farlow voted with the Republicans and Union Republicans. Senator Groves was absent.

May Reduce License For Oysterman.

Representative Scotten has introduced an act reducing to \$3, now \$20, the license for oystering in Broadkill River and South and Mispillion River, excepting the Rehoboth Beach.

Rep. R. C. Moore's bill for making it unlawful to dredge in the tributaries of Delaware Bay with certain tons or dredges.

Representative Wright has introduced an act for the protection of sheep in Kent County. It will make dogs 50 cents and female dogs \$2.

Filler Not Doomed.

The ballot for United States Senator was as follows:

For the term—Kenney, Democrat, 23; Addicks, Union Republican, 16; DuPont, Regular Republican, 9; Higgins, Regular Republican, 3; Bird, Regular Republican, 1.

For the short term—Saulsbury, Democrat, 22; Addicks, Union Republican, 16; Bird, Regular, 9; Hillis, Regular, 3; Higgins, Regular, 1; John G. Gray, Democrat, 1.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

A large delegation of Delaware State Grangers came here in the interest of the bills now before the General Assembly in relation to the commutation of State taxes to the railroad companies of the State. The Grangers urge that the bills represent the communication of a power because either the railroad companies or the farmers would have to be taxed to meet the increased demand for State revenue, and while the farmer is now taxed more than he is able to pay, the legislators at session after session having forgone the tax of the railroad companies.

The delegation suggested that the following taxes be fixed for these companies: the Delaware Railroad Company, \$80,000; the W. & B. Railroad Company, \$60,000; Wilmington & Northern, \$3,000; Delaware, Maryland & Virginia, \$2,000. The Grangers were represented by A. N. Brown, of Wyoming, who made a strong argument in their case.

Washington's License Bill Passed.

The bill authorizing Washington to issue half of her liquor license revenue, about \$30,000—when presented in the House caused a hard fight among the city and rural members. Wilmington and New Castle got \$30,000 apiece for liquor licenses from the State treasurer, while sum goes into the school and other public expense fund. An amendment made to the new bill gives to every incorporated city and town the right to one-half of its liquor revenue from the State treasurer. This would reduce the State receipts from \$70,000 to \$20,000, and while benefiting the other towns would be a decided advantage to the city of Wilmington.

Representative Clark vigorously opposed Representative Michael and Robertson in their efforts to secure the passage of the bill but without avail, as the bill was passed by 19 to 15 votes.

State Detective Service Abolished.

The bill abolishing the State detective service passed the Senate by a strict party vote. Mr. Knox's bill and the Democrats tried to bring it down, but a minority report was also voted down. Another bill of Mr. Knox's provides for sanitary barbers and a barbers concession.

A bill presented by Senator Bruce provides that all transportation companies of the State shall furnish free transportation to members of the judiciary and all State officials and members of the General Assembly during their incumbency.

The bill specifying that the words "Incompatibility of temper" when inserted in the ground for divorce be sufficient reason for granting a divorce, was killed to-day by unfavorable report. It is Mr. Gooden's bill.

Kiley's Inauguration.

The Senate joint resolution appointing a committee of five to arrange for the Legislature attending the inauguration of President McKinley at Washington, passed the House this afternoon.

The House also passed the Senate joint resolution to name Hiram C. Bell, John D. Townsend, Jr., and Emory B. Riggan as directors on the part of the State for the Farmers' Bank at Georgetown.

Thomas C. Roe, George H. Murray and Charles L. Morris were also appointed directors on the part of the State for the Farmers' Bank at Dover.

Oleo Color Bill Passed.

Clandler's bill preventing the sale of oleomargarine or imitation butter except in its original color, resembling lard, passed the House to-day. It repeals all

other "oleo" legislation, including the law requiring all "oleo" packages to be labeled "oleomargarine."

School Superintendents Appointed.

Read and referred—House bill appropriating \$100 to the colored teachers' institutes.

Governor Hunt sent to the Senate for confirmation the following nominations:

John D. Jones, to be superintendent of schools for New Castle county; James E. Carroll, to be superintendent of schools for Kent county; Leon A. Davis, to be superintendent of schools for Sussex county; Cornelius Frear, to be State librarian. Nominations confirmed in executive session.

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Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:
North Bound—3.30, 7.50, 9.30 and 10.28 a.m.;
4.18 and 5 p.m.
South Bound—12.54, 9.11 and 11.50 a.m.; 3.54
5.18 and 7.51 p.m.

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.30 a.m., 10.25 a.m., 3.55 and
5.10 p.m.
For Odessa—8.50 a.m., 5.10 p.m.
For Warrington, Cecilton, Earleville and Sassafras—9.10 a.m., 11.45 a.m., 5.30 p.m.
For Warrenton, Cecilton, Earleville and Sassafras—9.10 a.m.

MIDDLETON, DEL., FEBRUARY 16, 1901

Local News.

Next Wednesday is the first day of Lent—Ash Wednesday.

WANTED—Correspondent in all of our sister towns for THE TRANSCRIPT.

300,000 Early Cabbage Plants for sale.

E. J. STEEL, Florist, Middletown, Del.

Dr. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

To FARMERS.—Cash paid for eggs at Armstrong's. We want all the eggs we can get.

Attention is called to the new ad of Mr. A. G. Cox in another column of this issue.

The attention of our readers is called to the new ad of Wright & Davidson in this issue.

FOR SALE—One building lot on Cochran street. For further particulars apply to W. R. REYNOLDS.

FOR RENT.—The dwelling at Lake street, now occupied by William Dixon. Apply to E. S. JONES.

FOR RENT.—The dwelling now occupied by Mrs. M. J. Whitlock, on East Main street. Apply to Mrs. H. V. PARVIS.

Advance Steam Laundry, office opposite W. S. Letherbury's. Work guaranteed. Goods delivered. C. R. CLAYTON.

FARM WAGONS FOR SALE.—I have on hand several farm wagons and light wagons, of my own make all at reasonable prices. G. W. PETERSON.

Most of our citizens who have ice houses have been busy the past week harvesting ice for next summer's use. The ice is from 6 to 7 inches thick and was cut from nearby ponds.

If you are looking for good cheap groceries go to the cut grocery store. The best of everything in my line at very low prices. Also a full line of Millinery. Miss E. F. INGRAM.

The New Century Club's program for next Tuesday afternoon is: "Liquid Air," Miss Hester Jones; "Food Preservations and Food Adulterations," Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd; "Metric System," Miss Annie Derrickson.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of Letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending February 16th. Lydia Anderson, Rosalia Fisher, Debil Hall, Effie Hinson, Annie Rothwell, Susie Prize, William Swan.

A large stock on hand of both "AMERICAN" FIELD FENCE, and "ELLWOOD" FIELD, HOG and POULTRY FENCE, and will be sold as low as the lowest. Learn our prices before buying elsewhere as we will not be undersold.

MIDDLETON HARDWARE HOUSE. The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is "Confessing Christ." Matt. 10:32-40. Leader, Charles E. Fouke.

Mr. H. C. DeValinger killed the largest steer ever seen in our town yesterday, the monster weighing more than 2200 lbs. He will have the meat on exhibition in front of his store room the 22d instant, and invite the public to make an inspection of the quality of the meat.

It will pay you if you are going to erect a fence to call on J. F. McWhorter & Son before you buy, they are handling the well known Page and American fence and are making an extra push on fence this year. They have contracted for several car load lots and are selling it very close to catch the trade. They have a car load of the different styles on hand now. They would be pleased to have you examine this fence and get the prices.

The figure 8 is the latest and most popular thing. This does not refer to the skating season, which has now set in, but to the new coiffure effected by the ultra-feminine girls. They bring the hair down from its soaring pompadored heights to the back of the head. The hair is combed backward over the ear, almost straight before it is tied and knotted. It is then disposed in coils to form a large figure eight, so arranged as to cover as much as possible of the back of the head. This is quite the latest coiffure.—Ex.

The large green houses of Mr. Edward Steele located at Henderson, Md., were destroyed by fire on Wednesday evening. The origin of the fire is unknown, and in an interview Thursday Mr. Steele stated that his loss would be at least \$3,000, on which there was no insurance. Mr. Steele has successfully managed the plant at Henderson for the past ten years, and done a large wholesale business as well as to supply his branch at this place with many plants. His has the sympathy of all his loss.

Lieutenant-Governor Cannon wields a new gavel in directing the movements of the State Senate. It was presented to him on Friday by Senator Allie. It is not an ordinary gavel by any means. The wood which composes it was taken from the old elm which for more than a century stood in front of the Statehouse and which was not removed until it had become a menace to public safety. The thought which inspired Senator Allie to surround his gift with such historic associations was a happy one—as happy as presenting to the first Lieutenant-governor of the state a personal and fitting memorial of his public service.

FOR RENT.—The DWELLING on East Main street, now occupied by George S. Richards. Also the large STABLE near the National Hotel, now in the tenure of Middletown Creamery. Possessions given to each 25th March 1901. G. E. HUKILL.

Mrs. Clara Roach, one of the National Organizers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, will speak in Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church tomorrow morning. Mrs. C. C. Brown, of Wilmington, President of the W. H. M. S., will accompany Mrs. Roach and assist in the services. Mrs. Roach has a national reputation and it will be a great privilege for the people of Middletown to have the opportunity of listening to her at this time. The people are cordially invited. In the evening a memorial anniversary will be held in honor of Miss Francis Willard. Mrs. Clara Roach will also deliver an address at the evening services.

The Volunteers of '61 promises to be one of the most pleasing and original entertainments that has been given. Nothing like it has ever been presented here. The whole program has been managed specially to interest and amuse. The prominent part taken by the well drilled company of young ladies in uniform. The presentation of Colors, and realistic Battle Scene, are features that will be of peculiar interest. Good music, singing, and the fact that the whole affair was originated and carried forward by and for the benefit of our local Council of the Jr. O. U. A. M. Council not forgot the support at the close of the entertainment. The low price of admission should permit all to come. Children's tickets will be sold at the 15 cents. Price's Orchestra will furnish the music. See new ad.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. T. W. Barnett was a visitor to Red Lion Monday.

Mr. F. L. Cates was a Wilmington visitor on Thursday.

Mr. James Crossland, of Wilmington, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. O. V. Voshell of Port Penn, was a visitor here this week.

Mr. George Kelly, of Newark, spent Tuesday with his parents.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jones is visiting friends and relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. G. E. Hukill is spending two weeks with friends in Atlantic City.

Dr. Robert A. Comegys, of Newark, visited his parents here on Sunday.

Mrs. Cora Gallagher, of Dover, was the guest of friends here on Sunday.

Misses Lizzie Hopkins and Bessie Carter were visitors to Smyrna this week.

Miss Blanche Wright, of Warwick, was the guest of Miss Ada Cochran this week.

Mr. Wallace M. Holton, of Dover, was the guest of his parents on Sunday.

Miss Edna Wilcox, of near Magnolia, was spending sometime with Middletown friends.

Mr. O. M. Matthews attended the annual session of the A. O. U. W., at Smyrna this week.

Miss Alice Cochran, of "Peola," is entertaining Miss Morgan, of Rock Hall.

Mr. Calvin Taylor and son, Rees, of Leipsic, were visitors in town this week.

Miss Emma Brown who has been visiting relatives and friends in Philadelphia has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Warren and daughter, of Wilmington, spent a few days this week with relatives here.

Miss Minnie Gale, of Queen Anne's Station, Md., and Miss Blanche Mitchell, of Hillsboro, Md., are spending the week with friends near town.

Mr. Herman Cochran, paymaster of the Phoenix Bridge Company, who has been in New Mexico is visiting his father, Mr. W. R. Cochran, on East Main street.

DIED FROM EATING PARIS GREEN

The little son of John Farrell, residing near Green Spring, who ate some Paris Green he had found on Wednesday died on Sunday morning at the residence of Mrs. Long in this town, where he and his mother had been staying after being brought to town. Antidotes were given and Dr. Clifton used his stomach pump on the child. Four hours had elapsed (the Doctor being out when they brought the child in) and misfortune had given the arsenic time to be absorbed in the blood. Thomas was an unusually bright child, between three and four years old, and his death is a very severe blow to the parents. Mr. and Mrs. Farrell had but recently moved to their present home and knew nothing of the poison which had been left in a box by the family which had moved out.—Smyrna Times.

COASTING ACCIDENT

A serious coasting accident occurred Thursday night on the half-mile-long hill on the Antietam Furnace road in the out-skirts of Sharpsburg, Md., in which eight young men were injured. The sled was descending at 80 miles an hour and struck near the bottom of a hill a stone fence, the guide bar of the sled coming loose. Frank Grove, guiding the sled, was hurled 30 feet over the fence and badly bruised. Others injured were: Robert Mose, nose broken; H. F. Delaney, ankle broken; Charles Eyrly, hand mashed; William Pryor, R. W. Grove, Lawrence Costelle, Percy Kerlin, the latter two ministers sons, seriously injured.

PENN WAVES

Mr. George W. Duncan spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Voshell spent Tuesday in Middletown.

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